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requ	amendment document filed on 30 April, 2009 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the uirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following ((s) is required.
THE	FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT: 1. Amendments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. C. Other
	□ 2. Abstract: □ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. □ B. Other
	□ 3. Amendments to the drawings: □ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). □ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required. □ C. Other
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